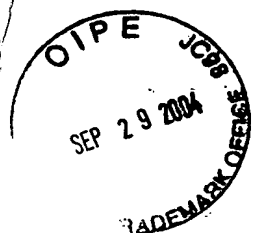


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In conformance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the reference is submitted herewith, together with an English translation thereof. The reference was cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application. Copies of the Office Action and English translation thereof are also enclosed.

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The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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